



Universal Service Administrative Company  
Schools & Libraries Division

**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2015-2016**

January 13, 2016

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Re: Applicant Name: Academia Adventista de  
Mucarábones  
Billed Entity Number: 200631  
Form 471 Application Number: 1027727  
Funding Request Number(s): 2791119  
Your Correspondence Dated: November 03, 2015

After review of the information and documentation provided, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's funding commitment decision for the FCC Form 471 Application Number and funding requests number(s) (FRN(s)) referenced above. This letter provides an explanation for USAC's decision. The date of this letter also begins the sixty (60) day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one FCC Form 471 Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate decision for each funding application.

Funding Request Number(s): 2791119  
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**  
Explanation:

- You indicated on your FCC Form 471 that your discount eligibility is 90% based upon letter from Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia. USAC's review of your application determined that your discount eligibility percentage was not supported by third party documentation. Since you did not demonstrate in your appeal that the adjustment USAC made to your discount percentage was incorrect, USAC denies your appeal.
- FCC rules provide that the discount available to an applicant is determined by indicators of poverty and high cost. For schools and school districts, the level of poverty is based on the percentage of the student enrollment that is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or

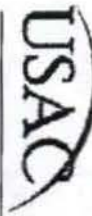
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Billed Entity Number: 200611  
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Form 486 Application Number:

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Re: Applicant Name: Academia Adventista de Mucurabones  
Billed Entity Number: 200631  
Form 471 Application Number: 1027704  
Funding Request Number(s): 2791691  
Your Correspondence Dated: November 03, 2015

After review of the information and documentation provided, the Schools and Learning Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's funding commitment decision for the FCC Form 471 Application Number and funding request number(s) (FRN(s)) referenced above. This letter provides an explanation for USAC's decision. The date of this letter also begins the sixty (60) day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one FCC Form 471 Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate decision for each funding application.

Funding Request Number(s): 2791691  
Decision on Appeal: Denied  
Explanation:

- You indicated on your FCC Form 471 that your discount eligibility is 90% based upon letter from Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia. USAC's review of your application determined that your discount eligibility percentage was not supported by third party documentation. Since you did not demonstrate in your appeal that the adjustment USAC made to your discount percentage was incorrect, USAC denies your appeal.
- FCC rules provide that the discount available to an applicant is determined by indicators of poverty and high cost. For schools and school districts, the level of poverty is based on the percentage of the student enrollment that is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or



a federally-approved alternative mechanism. Alternatively, the level of poverty is measured according to participation in Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 9045, FCC 97-157 para. 510, n.1334 (rel. May 8, 1997). Schools and school districts that are participating in the NSLP community eligibility provision (CEP) will use the same approach for determining their E-rate discount rate as they use for determining their NSLP reimbursement rate. Specifically, schools utilizing the CEP shall calculate their student eligibility for free or reduced priced lunches by multiplying the percentage of directly certified students by the CEP national multiplier. See In the Matter of Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket No. 13-184, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 14-99 para. 225 (rel. Jul. 23, 2014). School districts shall divide the total number of students eligible for the NSLP within the school district by the total number of students within the school district to arrive at a percentage of students eligible. Independent charter schools, private schools, and other eligible educational facilities should calculate a single discount percentage rate based on the total number of students under the control of the central administrative agency. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b)(1). For libraries and library systems, the level of poverty is based on the percentage of the student enrollment that is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the national school lunch program or a federally-approved alternative mechanism in the public school district in which they are located. When a library system has branches or outlets in more than one public school district, that library system and all library outlets within that system should use the address of the central outlet or main administrative office to determine which school district the library system is in, and should use that school district's level of poverty to determine its discount rate. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b)(2). Consortia members shall calculate their discounts by calculating a simple average of the applicable discounts of all consortia member school districts and libraries. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b)(4). An applicant's discount rate is determined by reference to a matrix based upon the level of poverty and whether the entity is classified as rural or urban as determined by the most recent Bureau of the Census rural-urban classification. "Urban" designation if the entity is located in an urbanized area or urban cluster area with a population equal to or greater than 25,000, while all other entities shall be designated as "rural." Any school district that has a majority of schools in a rural area qualifies for the additional rural discount. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b)(3)(i)-(ii).

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may file an appeal pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart I. Detailed instructions for filing appeals are available at:  
<http://www.usac.org/sl/about/program-integrity/appeals.aspx>.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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